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SUBJECT: US-ITALY ENERGY WORKING GROUP (EWG): RADIOACTIVE WASTE

REF: ROME 3090

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED MARCH 10 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) NOTE VERBALE RECALLING GOI INTEREST, EXPRESSED AT NOV. 12 MEETING, IN FURTHER COLLABORATION IN RADIOACTIVE WASTER MANAGEMENT SECTOR AND SUBSEQUENT NOV. 21-DEC. 6, 1976 VISIT OF ITALIAN TECHNICIANS (CNEN AND AGIP NUCLEARE) TO U.S. TO "IDENTIFY POSSIBLE AREAS OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TREATMENT AND ISOLATION OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE."

2. DURING FINAL MEETING WITH ERDA TECHNICIANS, GOI NOTE STATES THAT FOLLOWING AREAS OF INTEREST WERE IDENTIFIED:
"(A) ACCESS TO THE RESULTS OF THE ERDA CONTRACT TO ARHO OF RICHLAND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONCEPT OF THE RETRIEVABLE SURFACE STORAGE FACILITY (RSSF);

(B) COLLABORATION IN EVALUATING THE SUITABILITY OF CERTAIN GEOLOGICAL STRUCTURES (IN PARTICULAR, CLAYS), AS FINAL RESTING PLACE FOR THE ISOLATION OF THE WASTES;

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(C) ACCESS TO THE RESULTS OBTAINED IN THE US RE CONDITIONING AND ISOLATION OF FISSION AND SIMILAR GASES (KRYPTON, IODINE, TRITIUM, CARBON);

(D) ACCESS TO ERDA CONTRACTS FOR THE INCINERATION AND UNDERGROUND COMBUSTION (IN AN ACID BATH OR IN ROCK SALT)

OF BURNABLE, ALPHA-CONTAMINATED, SOLID, BURNABLE RESIDUES,
AND

(E) COOPERATION IN THE PROCESS OF LIQUID-TO-LIQUID
SEPARATION OF ALPHA-EMITTING SUBSTANCES FROM MEDIUM-AND
LOW-RADIOACTIVE EFFLUENTS."

3. MFA REQUESTS CONFIRMATION OF USG COOPERATION IN ABOVE
AREAS, AND EXPRESSES HOPE THAT COLLABORATION CAN BEGIN AS
RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

4. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, MFA REP MILESI-
FERRETTI EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOI COULD RECEIVE ANSWER TO
QUESTIONS (REFTEL) RE PORTSMOUTH ENRICHMENT PLANT EXPANSION
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, GIVEN ERDA REQUIREMENT FOR 30-DAYS'
ADVANCE NOTICE AND CONTINUING GOI INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE.BEAUDRY

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